

## **"Mental Health Problems Confronting Soldiers Returning from Iraq, Afghanistan"**

On May 24, 2007, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing on mental health problems confronting soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The Committee heard from afflicted soldiers and their families, examined the ability of the DOD and the VA to screen, treat, and track returning soldiers who are at risk, and assessed the impact that these illnesses are having on military readiness and military families.

### **WITNESS LIST:**

#### **Panel I**

- Army Specialist Thomas Smith
- Richard and Carol Coons, Parents of Army Master Sergeant James Coons
- Tammie LeCompte, Wife of Army Specialist Ryan LeCompte
- Army Specialist Michael Bloodworth

#### **Panel II**

- Dr. Thomas Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health
- Dr. Michael E. Kilpatrick, Department of Defense, Deputy Director, Deployment Health Support, accompanied by Dr. Jack Smith, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Clinical and Program Policy
- Dr. Antonette Zeiss, Department of Veterans Affairs, Deputy Chief Consultant, Office of Mental Health Services, accompanied by Dr. Al Batres, Chief Officer, Office of Readjustment Counseling
- Dr. John A. Fairbank, Duke University, Member, Institute of Medicine Committee on Veterans' Compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Major General Gale S. Pollock, Army Surgeon General